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FROM: Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Obsolete rules report pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 14.05, subdivision 5.

Minnesota Rules 4503.0200, subpart 5 – this subpart is partially obsolete. Specifically, the text “when notice required under subpart 4 is filed or” should be deleted because subpart 4 was repealed in 2005.

Minnesota Rules 4503.0500, subpart 4 – this subpart is partially obsolete. Specifically, the text “benefit of a political committee or a political fund” should be changed to “benefit of a principal campaign committee, political party unit, political committee, or a political fund” as the terms principal campaign committee and political party unit were excluded from the definition of the term political committee after Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 15, which is now codified at Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 27, was amended in 1999.

Minnesota Rules 4503.0800, subparts 2-4 – these subparts are partially obsolete. Specifically, in subpart 2 the phrase “multiple candidates” should be changed to “multiple candidates or local candidates” and in subparts 3 and 4 each instance of the word “candidate” should be changed to “candidate or local candidate”. This change is needed because Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivisions 4 and 11, were amended in 2021 to alter the definitions of the terms approved expenditure and contribution to be inclusive of a local candidate. The term local candidate is defined by Minnesota

Statutes section 10A.01, subdivision 10d, to include certain candidates for local office within Hennepin County.

Minnesota Rules 4503.1000 – this rule is partially obsolete. Specifically, each instance of the word “candidate” should be changed to “candidate or local candidate” and each instance of the word “candidates” should be changes to “candidates or local candidates”. This change is needed because Minnesota Statutes section 10A.01, subdivisions 4 and 11, were amended in 2021 to alter the definitions of the terms approved expenditure and contribution to be inclusive of a local candidate. The term local candidate is defined by Minnesota Statues section 10A.01, subdivision 10d, to include certain candidates for local office within Hennepin County. As was the case prior to 2021, candidates are prohibited from making contributions to, or accepting contributions from, local candidates so joint expenses made by candidates and local candidates must be allocated so as to prevent value from being provided without compensation.

Minnesota Rules 4511.0500, subpart 1 – this subpart is partially obsolete. Specifically, the text “subpart 2” should be changed to “Minnesota Statutes section 10A.04, subdivision 9” because subpart 2 was repealed and replaced by section 10A.04, subdivision 9, in 2017.

The Board is currently in the process of drafting proposed rules that will address the obsolete provisions. A request for comments was published in the State Register on July 24, 2023, and the Board intends to issue a notice of rule hearing in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,



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